

Fish and Wildlife Biologist 2 Fish Program, sturgeon management unit; Vancouver Region

Opens: May 4, 2010.....Closes: May 13, 2010

Position: Non Perm Biologist 2

Duration: 1.5 months

Anticipated Start Date: May 24, 2010

Salary: Biologist 2: range 48, \$3213.00 – \$4214.00 monthly.

Duty Station Location: Vancouver Washington

There is currently a non permanent Biologist 2 employment opportunity lasting up to 1.5 months; beginning mid to late May within the Fish Program. This position is funded through the Federal Aid Sport Fish Restoration program through June 30, 2010. The sturgeon management unit conducts stock assessments in the lower Columbia River to determine the abundance, productivity, survival rates, and temporal and spatial distribution of white sturgeon and monitors harvest in recreational and commercial fisheries to inform annual resource management decisions.

Responsibilities include:

- Assists with field work preparation, scheduling, travel arrangements, and coordination.
- Works as part of a 2-person crew aboard a contracted commercial gillnet vessel to capture and mark white sturgeon for population abundance and survival estimation.
- Enter data, perform data analysis
- Assists project biologist with creel survey data compilation and harvest estimation

Minimum Qualifications and Competencies

A Bachelor's degree in fisheries, wildlife management, natural resource science, or environmental science to include 12 semester or 18 quarter hours of specific course work in Fisheries, Ichthyology, Limnology, Biology or closely related fields and at least one year of experience as a Biologist 1 or higher.

- Basic Knowledge of fish handling and sampling procedures.
- Basic knowledge of data management (MS Access) and analysis (MS Excel) software and word processing (MS Word) software.

Working Conditions

- The work week is 8:00-5:00 PM Monday-Friday, with up to 60% of the work out of the office for field work which is scheduled at four 10-hour days per week (Monday – Thursday). Extended hours on occasion.
- Travel to survey sites on lower Columbia River for up to one week at a time to complete all necessary field activities. Field work includes processing white sturgeon aboard a contracted gillnet vessel, often in adverse weather conditions, requiring physically demanding activities, including the ability to stand, squat, bend and carry up to 50lbs repeatedly over the course of an entire work day.
- Requires some overnight travel.

HOW TO APPLY: Send a completed WA State employment application to: Brad James by either e-mail Brad.James@dfw.wa.gov or fax 360-906-6776.

This recruitment closes May 13, 2010.